Montgomery County Fire Marshal's Office

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Officials Offer Guidance on Reporting Illegal Fireworks

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Law Enforcement prepared to respond, but ask for public's assistance in limiting unnecessary responses.

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Montgomery County Deputy Fire Marshals continue to respond daily to reports of illegal burning, and will be stepping up enforcement throughout the holiday weekend. So far there have been relatively few reports of illegal fireworks as most area Counties have issued similar sales and use restrictions. With no place nearby to purchase them, access to fireworks should be reduced. In previous years, when fireworks were legal, many calls for service due to noise and safety concerns would come into the County 911 center each night during the fireworks sales season.

The Montgomery County Fire Marshal's Office is asking that residents do not call 911 simply because they hear fireworks in the distance or from an unknown location. Due to the increased public awareness, it is expected that any resident nearer the source of the fireworks will report them. Calling to report the sound of fireworks from an unknown location will only create confusion and multiple unwarranted responses by Law Enforcement, pulling Officers from other duties. If you do see fireworks and know where they are coming from, then please report them and be prepared to give the address or location to the dispatcher.

For more information, or to report anyone attempting to sell fireworks, please contact our office.

Our email address is mcfmo@mctx.org and complaint forms are available on our website www.mctx.org/fire along with additional information about current conditions.

You can also receive daily updates from our facebook page

http://www.facebook.com/MCFMO

Thank you,

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Montgomery County